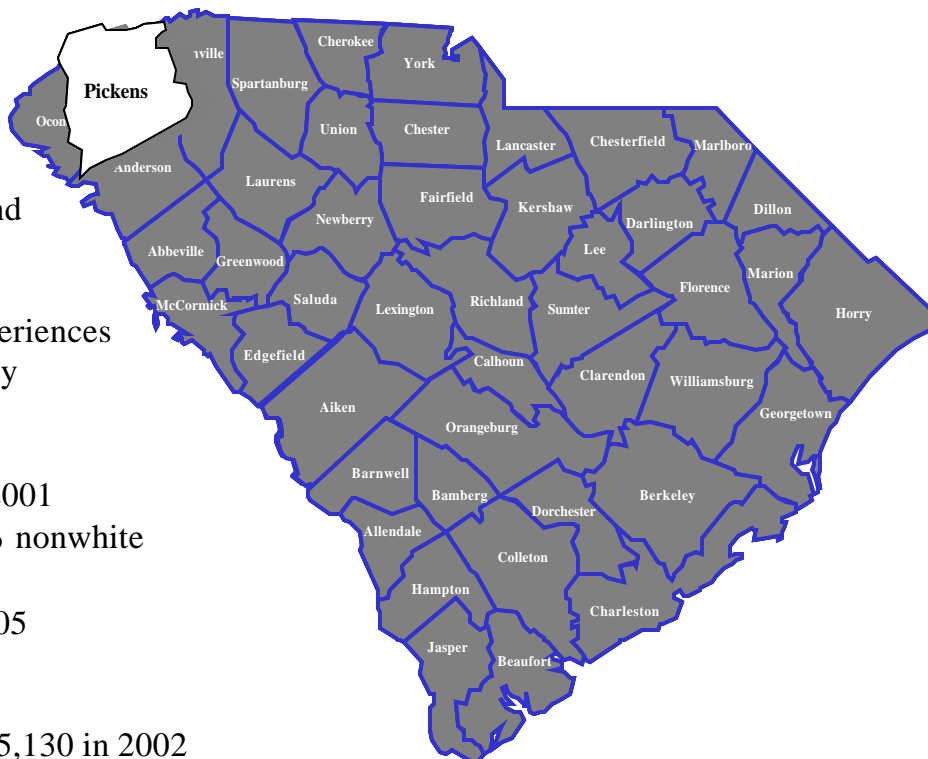


Spotlight on Pickens County...

Location & Climate

- Divided by the Northwestern and Mountain regions of the state
- Surrounded by Anderson, Greenville, and Oconee Counties, and North Carolina
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 60.6 degrees and experiences 55.84 inches of precipitation annually



Population

- Equaled approximately 112,112 in 2001
- Comprised of 90.3% white and 9.7% nonwhite
- Median age was 32.7 years old
- Estimated to grow to 122,500 by 2005

Labor Force

- Decreased from 56,940 in 2001 to 55,130 in 2002
- Unemployment rate rose from 5.0% in 2001 to 5.8% in 2002

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the County was 51,920 in 2002

Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the County was \$21,838 in 2001
- It was 88% of the state's PCI of \$24,840

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

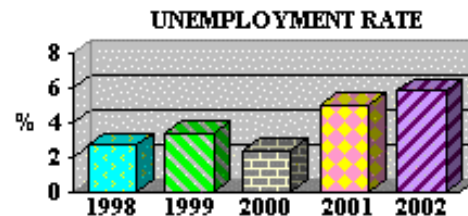
The Liberty Workforce Center, which serves Pickens County, paid \$11,299,694 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2002.

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